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SUBJ: FORMER PRI PRESIDENT ATTACKS ECHEVERRIA

1. IN PUBLIC LETTER PUBLISHED NOV 17 IN WIDELY READ MAGAZINE OF ARTS AND POLITICS (SIEMPRE), FORMER PRI PRESIDENT UNDER ECHEVERRIA (1970-1972) MANUEL SANCHEZ VITE LAUNCHED VICIOUS ATTACK ON PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA. SANCHEZ VITE LETTER LABELS ECHEVERRIA REGIME FASCIST, LISTING AS FASCIST ACTS SOME FIFTEEN SPECIFIC EVENTS AND GENERAL PRACTICES WHICH HE ATTRIBUTES DIRECTLY TO THE PRESIDENT. LETTER CONCLUDES BY ASKING RHETORICALLY IF THE PRESIDENT HAS DELIBERATELY ENGENDERED ECONOMIC CHAOS TO PROVIDE "A ROUTE TO A DICTATORSHIP". LETTER ALSO ATTACKS MEX SECRETARY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE CUENCA DIAZ AS THE PRESIDENT'S "THUG".

2. COMMENT: THIS LETTER IS EXTRAORDINARY FOR 1) VIOLATION OF THE UNWRITTEN MEXICAN RULE OF NOT DIRECTLY ATTACKING AN INCUMBENT PRESIDENT, 2) THE VIOLENCE OF THE LANGUAGE, 3) THE INSINUATION THAT THE PRESIDENT IS CONSIDERING A "DICTATORSHIP", AND 4) THE ATTACK ON THE COUNTRY'S TOP MILITARY FIGURE.

3. SANCHEZ VITE, OF COURSE, HAS BEEN A POLITICAL FIGURE

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SOMEWHAT OUT OF FAVOR WITH THE ECHEVERRIA REGIME SINCE HE

WAS LET GO AS PRESIDENT OF THE PRI IN 1972 AND TOTALLY
DISCREDITED SINCE THE OUSTER OF HIS HANDPICKED SUCCESSOR
AS GOVERNOR OF HIDALGO IN APRIL 1975 (SEEE 1975 MEXICO 3777).
NONETHELESS, WHAT HE HAS WRITTEN PROBABLY REPRESENT THE
VIEWS AND FEARS OF A GOOD MANY POLITICAL ELITES WHOSE
POLITICAL FORTUNES HAVE SUFFERED UNDER ECHEVERRIA AND
WHOSE SUSPICION OFM THE PRESIDENT'S INTENTIONS BORDER ON
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